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DECLINE OF PROFIT IN NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the profit graph of the Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd (NPCIL) is on the continuous decline during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor alongwith the profit earned by the NPCIL during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the same and increase the profit of NPCIL?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE AND MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The total installed nuclear power capacity of 4120 MWe comprises of 4020 MWe capacity owned by NPCIL and 100 MWe (RAPS-1) owned by DAE, Government of India. Out of 4120 MWe, 3800 MWe is fuelled by indigenous natural uranium. Currently, there is a mismatch in the demand and supply of indigenous uranium. As a result, this capacity is being operated at lower power level matching fuel supply. Consequently the profits of NPCIL have declined. The details of Profit (After Tax) of NPCIL in the last three years are as under:

Year	Profit After Tax (Rs. crore)
2005-06	1713
2006-07	1571
2007-08	964#

Based on Provisional Estimates.To be audited and finalized.

(c) Efforts have been made by the Government by way of opening of new mines and augmenting processing facilities to augment fuel supply to enable higher capacity utilization of NPCIL. The work on setting up a new ore-processing mill at Turamdih in Jharkhand has been completed and the production is expected in the year 2008-09. Work has also started on a new uranium mine at Tummalapalle in Andhra Pradesh.